

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
	:	CONSENT PRELIMINARY ORDER
- v. -	:	OF FORFEITURE/
	:	<u>MONEY JUDGMENT</u>
GEORGE RUSU,	:	
a/k/a "Antonio Santos,"	:	21 Cr. 503 (JSR)
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Defendant.	:	
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WHEREAS, on or about August 9, 2021, GEORGE RUSU, a/k/a "Antonio Santos" (the "Defendant"), was charged in a sealed indictment, 21 Cr. 503 (JSR) (the "Indictment"), with conspiracy to commit access device fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1029(b)(2) (Count One); access device fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1029(a)(1) and (2) (Count Two); conspiracy to commit bank fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349 (Count Three); and aggravated identity theft, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028A(a)(1) (Count Four);

WHEREAS, the Indictment included, *inter alia*, a forfeiture allegation as to Count One of the Indictment, seeking forfeiture to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a)(2)(B) and 1029(c)(1)(C), of any property constituting or derived from, proceeds obtained directly or indirectly, as a result of the commission of the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment, and any personal property used or intended to be used to commit the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, on or about July 5, 2022, the Defendant pled guilty to Count One of the Indictment, pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government, wherein the Defendant

admitted the forfeiture allegation with respect to Count One of the Indictment and agreed to forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a)(2)(B) and 1029(c)(1)(C), any property constituting, or derived from, proceeds the Defendant obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment, and any property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, the Defendant consents to the entry of a money judgment in the amount of \$1,057,569 in United States currency, representing the proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained, for which the Defendant is jointly and severally liable with Ion Badasco, to the extent a forfeiture money judgment is entered against Ion Badasco in this case; and

WHEREAS, the Defendant admits that, as a result of acts and/or omissions of the Defendant, the proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the United States of America, by its attorney Damian Williams, United States Attorney, Assistant United States Attorney Jaclyn Delligatti, of counsel, and the Defendant and his counsel, Todd Spodek, Esq., that:

1. As a result of the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment, to which the Defendant pled guilty, a money judgment in the amount of \$1,057,569 in United States currency (the "Money Judgment"), representing the proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained, for which the Defendant is jointly and severally liable with Ion Badasco to the extent a forfeiture money judgment is entered against Ion Badasco in this case, shall be entered against the Defendant.

2. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment is final as to the Defendant GEORGE RUSU, and shall be deemed part of the sentence of the Defendant, and shall be included in the judgment of conviction therewith.

3. All payments on the outstanding Money Judgment shall be made by postal money order, bank or certified check, made payable, in this instance, to United States Department of Treasury, and delivered by mail to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, Attn: Money Laundering and Transnational Criminal Enterprises Unit, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, New York 10007 and shall indicate the Defendant's name and case number.

4. Upon entry of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment, and pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, United States Department of Treasury shall be authorized to deposit the payment on the Money Judgment into the Treasury Assets Forfeiture Fund, and the United States shall have clear title to such forfeited property.

5. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), the United States is authorized to seek forfeiture of substitute assets of the Defendant up to the uncollected amount of the Money Judgment.

6. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States Attorney's Office is authorized to conduct any discovery needed to identify, locate or dispose of forfeitable property, including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents and the issuance of subpoenas.



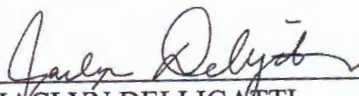
7. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

8. The signature page of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

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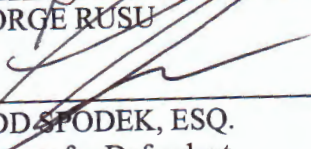
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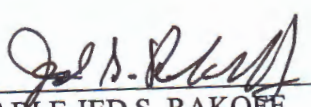
                      
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SO ORDERED:

  
HONORABLE JED S. RAKOFF  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

10/20/22  
DATE